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TO: School Districts and Educational Service Districts

- Superintendents
- Special Education Directors
- Business Managers

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SUBJECT: **Clarification Regarding School-Based Health Care Services and Early Intervention Services**

In a recent review of reimbursed claim data from participating school districts, the Health Care Authority (HCA) identified claims submitted for early intervention services for children between birth to three (3) years of age. This memo provides clarification to school districts contracting with HCA for School Based Health Care Services (SBHS) regarding reimbursable health care-related services provided to children with a disability in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

A Medicaid-eligible child in special education is eligible for covered services through the early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment (EPSDT) program up to their twenty-first birthday. The SBHS program only reimburses school districts for Medicaid-eligible children in special education between 3 to 21 years of age (Part B). HCA is not currently authorized by the Legislature or required by Medicaid to reimburse school districts for early intervention (Part C) services provided to infants and toddlers aged birth through two (2).

Services reimbursable by HCA under the SBHS program must:

- Identify, treat, and manage the education-related disabilities (i.e., mental, emotional, and physical) of a child in special education.
- Be prescribed or recommended by a licensed health care provider within their scope of practice under state law.
- Be medically necessary.
- Be diagnostic, evaluative, habilitative, or rehabilitative in nature.
- Be included in the child's current Individualized Education Program (IEP).

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact:

- SPA 11-23 (http://www.hca.wa.gov/medicaid/medicaidsp/Documents/2011ApprovedSpaPkts/11-23_School_Based_Services_Approval_Pkt_%2812-16-11%29.pdf), for SBHS federal program requirements and the state plan amendment re-establishing the SBHS program.
- Medicaid Customer Services (<https://fortress.wa.gov/dshs/plcontactus/>, or call 1-800-562-3022) for Medicaid-related questions.
- Provider Relations Unit (providerrelations@hca.wa.gov), for questions related to additional ProviderOne training opportunities.
- SBHS website (<http://www.hca.wa.gov/medicaid/schoolbased/pages/index.aspx>), for additional SBHS program training opportunities.
- SBHS Program Specialist, Jim Harvey (james.harvey@hca.wa.gov or call 360-725-1153), for program questions or additional clarification regarding this memo.

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